HOUSE BILL 3126

By Shepard

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to medicare supplemental insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 14, is amended by adding a new section therto:

§ 56-7-1460.

- (a) Any individual who terminates Medicare supplement within thirty (30) days of the annual policy anniversary date shall have the right to purchase another Medicare supplement policy during such thirty-day period pursuant to subdivision (b)(2).
- (b) An issuer of a Medicare supplement policy shall not deny or condition the issuance or effectiveness of any Medicare supplement policy available for sale in this state, nor discriminate in the pricing of a policy because of the health status, claims experience, receipt of heath care or medical condition of an applicant in the case of an application for a policy that is submitted:
 - (1) Prior to or during the six (6) month period beginning with the first day of the first month in which the applicant is both sixty-five (65) years of age or older and is enrolled for benefits under Medicare; or
 - (2) Within thirty (30) days of an annual policy anniversary date in which the applicant is currently enrolled.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to any Medicare supplement policy that may be purchased or renewed on or after the effective date of this act.